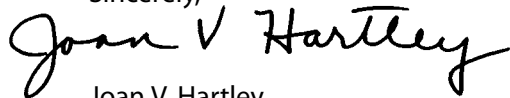


Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I am honored that you continue to place your trust and confidence in my abilities to represent the 15th Senatorial District. The 2005 legislative session was a busy one to say the least, and I have been working together with my colleagues to find common sense solutions to the issues at hand. I appreciate all of the correspondence that I have received and encourage you to continue to share your thoughts and opinions with me as we approach the 2006 session and beyond.

This newsletter summarizes some of my efforts on your behalf. As always, I am inspired by the overwhelming dedication and commitment my constituents devote to their communities. It is through your efforts that Waterbury continues to be a vibrant community in which to live and raise a family. Please continue to share with me your concerns and thoughts on important issues. I wish you and your family a happy and healthy holiday season.

Sincerely,



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# YOUR STATE SENATOR JOAN HARTLEY



I was thrilled to join children at the YMCA of Greater Waterbury during a check presentation by the SBC Foundation.

## Higher Education and Employment Advancement

As Senate chair of the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee, I have been working on a number of initiatives that include:

- **TEXTBOOK BUNDLING**—Working to stop textbook bundling by prohibiting the sale of textbooks bundled with unnecessary and costly items which strain student's budgets.
- **CREATING A NANOTECHNOLOGY PROGRAM**—to encourage students to continue their education and consider the entry into science-related programs, which will help Connecticut better compete in our ever-growing science and math based society.
- Recently appointed delegate to the New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE) which is made up of members throughout the New England states to promote greater educational opportunities and services for the residents of New England.

## Insurance and Real Estate

As vice chair of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee, I have proposed several bills which came directly from constituent proposals, including:

- Utilizing both mammography and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) as options for breast cancer screening.
- To require infertility diagnosis and treatment for certain individuals who, for a medically necessary reason, require infertility treatments.

## Appropriations

- As vice chair of the Appropriations Committee I have supported and advocated for issues which would benefit the constituents whom I represent, such as:
- Co-sponsor for full funding of the teachers' retirement system.
- Supporter of the Parent Trust Fund in order to enable parents to become leading advocates for children.
- Advocate for the enhancement of early childhood school readiness programs.
- Steadfast advocate of Connecticut's registered apprenticeship program.

## Waterbury Report

I am thrilled to report that bond money has been secured for a state Transportation Strategy Board (TSB) project to conduct a rail needs assessment and feasibility study of the Waterbury and New Canaan line corridors. The expansion of rail service and the growth of rail ridership have been continuing priorities for me. As I worked last year to reinstate midday rail service on the Waterbury line, I now look forward to this TSB review.

And the Haskins Lab Reading Program, which focused on providing technical assistance in the teaching of reading, of which I was the initiator, has been running strong at Sprague School.